



PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 71415

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Amy C. Wright
Appln. No: 09/878,822
Filed: June 11, 2001
Title: REMOTE IDENTIFYING
ANIMAL TRAP
Group Art
Unit: 3644
Examiner: Tara M. Golba

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

An Office Action dated June 16, 2003 in the above-identified application rejects all claims 1-14 of the above identified application under 35 USC §103. The independent claims in the present application are 1 and 7 each of which recites a transmitter for rf transmitting a signal including an identity portion identifying one of a plurality of traps. Applicant asserts that no such transmitter is suggested or taught by any reference or combination thereof.

In the Response to Arguments section of the present Office Action the examiner discusses the Vick et al. reference, which states that a computer outputs data for each trap. The Examiner then asserts "The only way for this system to indicate which agricultural commodity is infested is by associating an identity with each signal transmitted."

No art is provided by the examiner to support the last mentioned assertion. Applicant hereby requests that the prior art on which the assertion is based be identified so that applicant can analyze it and prepare a response to the as yet uncited reference.

In the specific claim rejection section of the present Office Action, the examiner states that a transmitter for rf transmitting a signal including an identity portion identifying one of a plurality of traps is shown at col. 8, lines 4-11 and 37-45 of the Vick et al. reference. The cited section of Vick et al. does not teach or suggest the transmission of an identity portion from each trap. Vick et al. only indicates that a computer eventually generates data about each trap. The only example in Vick et al. regarding the collection of data from multiple traps is shown in Fig. 8 which merely suggests the multiplexing of a plurality of input and is silent as to how different traps may be identified.

In view of the foregoing, applicant asserts that Vick et al. does not show the transmitter recited in applicant's independent claims 1 and 7 and that those claims are allowable. Additionally, all remaining claims 2-6 and 8-14 depend from an allowable base claim and are allowable due to such dependence.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	-	**=	0	x \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	-	* =	0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 290.00	
** At least 3			Total Additional Fee		\$ 0.00
* At least 20					

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to:

\$ 0.00

Application No. 09/878,822
Amendment dated
Reply to Office Action of June 16, 2003

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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